

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, or a majority of them, or their successors, to remove, or cause to be removed, from the streets, lanes and alleys; all nuisances and obstructions whatsoever, that is, shall or may be, within the limits of said village, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding:

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To remove nuisances.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That for the purpose of defraying the necessary expense of surveying and laying off said village, that it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, or a majority of them, or their successors, to lay an equal tax on all the real property within the limits of said village, by some person to be appointed by them, or a majority of them, or their successors, who shall take an oath to make true valuation thereof in current money of Maryland, to the best of his skill and judgment, and to make a true return thereof in such reasonable time as the said commissioners, or a majority of them, or their successors, shall require; which said oath may be administered by any justice of the peace for the county, or any one of the said commissioners, after they shall have qualified as the original act directs; provided, that in no case the tax so laid shall exceed fifty cents in the hundred pounds; and in case any of the owners of the real property in said village shall refuse or neglect to pay the sums so charged to them by virtue of this act, that it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, or a majority of them, to cause the same to be collected as small debts are collected out of court before a single justice of the peace; *Provided always*, that notice in writing be made of the amount of said debt, and left at the house or houses of the person or persons at least three months before such demand be made.

And lay a tax.

Proviso.

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*An Act to provide for the Trial of Facts in the several Counties of this State, and to alter, change and abolish, all such parts of the Constitution and Form of Government as relate to the General Court and Court of Appeals.* Lib. JG. No. 4, fol. 609.

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1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That this state shall be divided into six judicial districts, in manner and form following, to wit: Saint-Mary's, Charles and Prince-George's counties, shall be the first district; Cecil, Kent, Queen-Anne's and Talbot counties, shall be the second district; Calvert, Anne-Arundel and Montgomery counties, shall be the third district; Caroline, Dochester, Somerset and Worcester counties, shall be the fourth district; Frederick, Washington and Allegany counties, shall be the fifth district; Baltimore and Harford counties, shall be the sixth district; and there shall be appointed, for each of the said judicial districts, three persons of integrity and sound legal knowledge, residents of the state of Maryland, who shall, previous to and during their acting as judges, reside in the district for which they shall respectively be appointed, one of whom shall be styled in the commission Chief Judge, and the other two Associate Judges, of the district for which they shall be appointed; and the chief judge, together with the two associate judges, shall compose the county courts in each respective district; and each judge shall hold his commission during good behaviour, removable for misbehaviour on conviction in a court of law, or shall be removed by the governor, upon the ad-

State divided into districts—Judges to be appointed.